

REMARKS

For simplicity, all of the pending claims have been cancelled and new claims have been written. Some of the new claims may have limitations that were not included in the original claims, but the broader claims have maintained the scope of the original claims, so *the overall effect of the amendments is not narrowing*. Finally, although the wording of the broader of the newly written claims has been modified for clarification purposes, the changes only make express what was already implicit, and the Applicants do not believe that the overall scope of the newly written claims is narrower than that of the original claims.

Some of the original claims were subject to a restriction requirement, and the full scope of these claims have been pursued in a separate divisional application.

Other claims are currently being pursued in the parent case.

None of the original scope of the claims in the parent case has been surrendered, but are fully covered by the combination of the three related applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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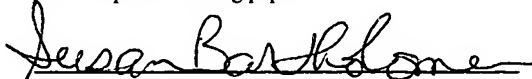
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